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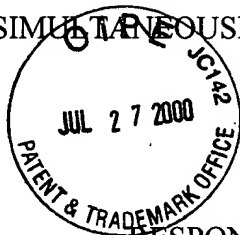
Serial No. : 09/365,065

Examiner : R. Zeman

Filed : July 30, 1999

Title : METHODS FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY DETECTING BOTH MEMBERS OF A BINDING PAIR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



RESPONSE

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In response to the action mailed March 20, 2000, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-21 in view of the remarks set out below.

Applicant requests that the Information Disclosure Statements filed November 17, 1999 and December 22, 1999, be initialed and sent with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, indicating that the Examiner has considered the references cited therein.

The Examiner noted the use of trademarks in the application. Applicants believe that all trademarks in the application have been capitalized and are accompanied by generic terminology.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious, over Chandler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,981,180, the '180 patent). The Examiner asserted that the '180 patent disclosed a "composition comprising a solid phase reagent and labeled antibodies with specific binding

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